



General Assembly

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Committee Bill No. 201

LCO No. 4520

Referred to Committee on Government Administration and Elections

Introduced by:
(GAE)

**AN ACT AUTHORIZING MUNICIPALITIES TO ESTABLISH
PROGRAMS FOR THE PUBLIC FINANCING OF CAMPAIGNS FOR
ELECTION TO MUNICIPAL OFFICES.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2003*) Any municipality may, by
2 ordinance, establish a program for the public financing of campaigns
3 for election to the offices of chief executive officer and municipal clerk
4 of the municipality and for election to the legislative body of the
5 municipality. Any such program shall be subject to the provisions of
6 chapter 150 of the general statutes.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2003</i>

Statement of Purpose:

To authorize municipalities to establish programs for the public financing of municipal campaigns, thereby promoting political autonomy, efficiency and political equality, preventing political corruption, enhancing the quality of representation, increasing voter knowledge and improving the quality of democratic discourse.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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